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Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DETECTING BIOLOGICAL AND
CHEMICAL HAZARDS IN NETWORKED INCOMING MAILBOXES

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED DRAWING CORRECTIONS

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In FIG. 5B, Applicants propose changing reference "D" to "F", reference "B" to "C" and reference "C" to "D" in order to be consistent with FIGs. 5C and 5D.

Applicants have amended paragraph 46 accordingly.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review and approve the proposed drawing corrections. Only minor reference changes are proposed. Accordingly no redline sketches are enclosed.

If the Examiner believes that additional issues may be resolved by a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicants at (203) 924-3180.

No fee, is believed due with this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for the response or credit any overpayment to the Pitney Bowes, Inc. Deposit Account Number 16-1885, Order No. F-441.

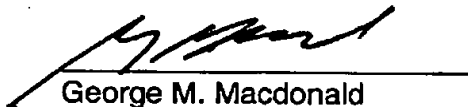
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Respectfully submitted,



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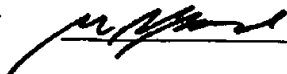
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